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Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 21, 2007. We are very happy to coordinate with the EDA regarding a portion of the Libby Asbestos Superfund site, specifically the former Stimson Lumber Yard, Libby Operable Unit 5. As you may be aware, there is another Superfund listed site at the former Stimson property where cleanup is ongoing. The Libby Groundwater Site was caused by contamination from historic lumber operations at the property.

We are in the process of compiling and examining the data that has been collected at various times over the years at this property, and plan to make a decision in May if further sampling is needed. We, therefore, suggest a meeting in early June 2007, when we can provide a general overview of the Libby Asbestos site, present our summary of the data collected and cleanup work completed at Libby Operable Unit 5, and discuss any proposed future sampling and schedule.

We think it would also be advantageous if you would give us an overview at the same meeting of the economic development plans for this property and timelines within your Agency's responsibilities. We are open to suggestions concerning how our project staff should coordinate with each other to ensure both agencies' needs are met.

If this is acceptable to you, please have your staff contact Fran Costanzi, Remedial Project Manager for Libby Operable Unit 5, at 303-312-6571 to coordinate the June meeting. Otherwise, you may contact me directly to discuss this further at 303-312-6598.

Sincerely,

{Signed on April 11, 2007}

Carol Rushin
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Remediation

